



**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Nicholas Atkins  
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Group/Art Unit: 3751

Application No.: 10/625,300

Examiner: Tuan N. Nguyen

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Title: Toilet Outlet Seal

**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**Dated: 05/03/2005**

**AND**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

To: Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement mailed May 3, 2005, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species identified by the Examiner as Species II as shown in Figures 5-7 of the application as filed, and as is set forth in claims 1-23 included in the attached preliminary amendment.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the aforementioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this Response to Office Action.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this Response to Office Action.